GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:157
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2001
FACILITIES TO FAMILIES OF MARTYRS
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI;SIS RAM OLA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to provide all facilities to the pensioners and the families of the soldiers who have been killed during their deployment in Jammu and Kashmir and other border areas as was provided to the families of the deceased soldiers of Kargil war;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof and the time schedule worked out therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 157 FOR 1.8.2001.

The Kargil operation was in the nature of deliberate agression, and involved intrusion across the LoC and occupations of Indian territory. Other operations in Jammu & Kashmir and border areasare in the nature of action against cross border terrorism, action against militants, terrorists, extremists, etc. That is why Kargil Operation has been treated differently. Families of soldiers killed in other actions are paid Rs. 7.5 lakhs, as ex-gratia compensation. There is no difference, though, in the rate of liberalized family pension and death gratuity paid to the bereaved families.

The amount of ex-gratia has been prescribed by the Government, taking into consideration all relevant aspects.